Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The farmers and ranchers of South Dakota have, for 100 years, provided the very foundation of our economy; and,

WHEREAS, These hard-working, dedicated people of the earth are the stewards of some of our most precious natural resources; and,

WHEREAS, A devastating drought, which hit the United States last year, has not yet broken its cycle in South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, The effects of drought include not only economic concerns, but mental and physical duress; and,

WHEREAS, The drought continues to affect most severely the north central parts of the state; and,

WHEREAS, Current weather conditions will provide a more active forest fire season in the Black Hills than was the case one year ago; and,

WHEREAS, Forest and rangeland fires endanger not only the natural beauty of the land, but the lives of animals and of citizens:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, March 19, 1989, as

A SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER

in South Dakota, and I encourage citizens to consider the concerns of our rural citizens, their families, and all of those who depend upon our farmers and ranchers for food and fiber and to further consider the impact of drought upon our forests and our rangelands.

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